

Demand for Manzanar workers In East noted by job offers

In the last few days nearly fifty offers for jobs outside the Western Defense Command have been received in the employment office of Arthur R. Miller, while over 360 residents have signed up for permanent relocation.

Wind Causes Fire Havoc

Fanned by a strong west wind the fire at the dump just outside of the southwest corner of Manzanar spread to the surrounding sagebrush and menaced the barracks in Blocks 12 and 8 two separate times Tuesday.

Immediate response by the fire department to a call by Gengoro Yamada, dump crew foreman, at noon prevented what otherwise might have been a disastrous fire, it was reported. With the aid of police the dump crew and nearly a 100 volunteers, the fire was brought under control after an hour and a half of blazing battle.

SAME BLAZE

Apparently extinguished, the fire fighters returned, only to be called back the same evening. It was presumed that a smoldering spark, fanned by another strong wind re-ignited the blaze.

This time it took the fire fighters nearly an hour to bring the blaze under control.

Report by Fire Chief Bob Kubota wishes to stress the invaluable aid given by the Police Department members and other volunteers, who collected water guns and shovels to extinguish the flames.

HON LAUDS CREW

In commenting on the fire, Chief Frank E. Hon praised his "smoke eaters" and said that they fought the fire promptly and efficiently. He also wished to thank the police and the volunteers for their splendid cooperation.

"With the strong wind that we have here, we must be even more careful than we have been to prevent any conflagration," he said. "It was only through prompt action that we did not suffer any serious damage."

Axel G. Neilson, head of the Recreation Department, was instrumental in reporting the second fire.

Work Corps ready For complaints

The recently elected Fair Practice Committee announces, thru its spokesman, George Matsumura, Executive Secretary of the Manzanar Work Corps, that it is ready to accept any legitimate work complaints, whether it be in regard to unfavorable work conditions or other unfair practices.

"All employment complaints should be presented to the Fair Practice Committee in writing," announces Matsumura, while Chairman of the Committee, Yoshio Marumoto, promises prompt attention to each case.

Says the memorandum sent to all representatives of the Work Corps: "It should be understood by all the workers that it is necessary for us to follow certain employment rules and regulations laid down by WRA. If, however, any of those regulations are justly deemed unfair, any worker may bring up such point for action by the Fair Practice Committee."

From Nation's Press

NEWELL.—Unexpected interest has been shown in first aid courses offered at Newell, with Cosma Sakamoto in charge. "To date, 70 firemen have completed the course. Fifty others are now enrolled. One hundred wardens will complete the course next week and between 60 and 70 others now enrolled will complete the course within the next few weeks." — Klamath Falls Herald & News, Oct. 21, p. 7.

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Sol Kimball takes new post, Succeeding Harvey Coverley

Red-haired, moustached, likeable Dr. Solon T. Kimball, newly appointed Acting Project Director, sat at his new desk early Thursday morning shuffling a sheaf of important papers while Harvey M. Coverley, erstwhile director, dressed in his San Francisco best stood around looking like a visitor. Coverley, who has been called back to San Francisco, will leave this weekend.

Commending Coverley for his excellent work in organizing center operation into a smooth functioning machine, Dr. Kimball announced that his work would be light. Kimball, who has been working with the Commission on Community Government on the framing of the new charter, has always expressed his liking and satisfaction with Manzanar and its people. The feeling has been mutual and it was noted that Manzanar was fortunate in having Kimball here at a time when the charter is under consideration. He has been acting as chief of the regional community organization division.

Graduating from Kansas State College and Harvard University, he has specialized in anthropology, receiving his Ph. D. in 1936. Several years were spent in Ireland conducting a study in urban and rural life in that country. He is the co-author of a book entitled "Family and Community in Ireland."

Before joining the WRA staff, Kimball conducted socio-economic surveys of the Navajo Reservations. He is the youthful father of two children, and his family home is in San Francisco.

In making a statement to the press, he said, "I am indeed happy to be at Manzanar. With others, I have always admired the conscientious manner in which staff and residents have met their common problems and worked in cooperation. I have assumed my new duties with the sincere desire to further the splendid progress that has been achieved under the able direction of Mr. Coverley."

POSTPONE ELECTION

Postponement of the charter referendum timetable for this Monday to Nov. 30, to allow for the return of 1000 furlough workers still in Idaho and Montana, was decided by the Commission on Community Government at its meeting last Thursday afternoon.

In the meanwhile, an extensive and vigorous educational campaign to inform the residents of all provisions of the charter, now under question, will be conducted under the chairmanship of Sho Onodera. Blocks are requested to hold meetings to discuss the document and the chairman of the educational committee will send speakers to answer questions.

Among the problems discussed at the meeting in the presence of Harvey Coverley and Solon T. Kimball, new acting project director, were misunderstandings regarding the appointment of the original commission and the WRA policy provisions that were incorporated into the charter such as the ruling that prevents issei from holding elective office.

Registration, which is practically completed under the supervision of Frank Yasuda, block manager, will be open until three days before election day to allow the returned furlough workers to register.

Dr. William Bruce sat in the session to explain the position of the cooperatives in relation to the central councilmanic set-up. No private enterprises will be allowed, according to the national policy. But the Council has the right to impose a reasonable license fee on any cooperative enterprise operated by evacuees on a non-profit basis. This is to insure a minimum operating fund for the Council which will necessarily incur some expenses.

Meeting with the block managers yesterday morning, several members of the commission again explained the charter to the group so that they in turn may inform the residents.

PAY FORWARDED

September checks for workers now in Idaho and Montana are being mailed to them in cases where it has been ascertained that they will remain for some time. In the majority of cases, however, where the workers are expected to return soon, the checks are being held at the paymaster's office until claimed.

Gas tanks installed For shoyu factory

With plans tentatively set, the production department announced that all equipment for the gas tanks has been installed for the shoyu factory and the arrival of the bean grits will start off production.

The schedule for the bean sprouts project has been changed so that 1500 pounds of moyashi can be distributed to the mess halls once a week instead of a few pounds two or three times a week.

The electric power transformers arrived Tuesday morning and are being installed for the sewing factory. As soon as the setting up is completed and the work begun, working clothes for Manzanites will be sewn.

CONSERVE HEAT BY USING WATER

To get the most out of your heater it is suggested that a kettle or pan of water be placed on the oil-burning stoves to raise the humidity. This makes the room feel much warmer and is more comfortable as well.

Catholics Meet

Discussion on the second phase of the Mass, the Obligation, will take place after Mass tomorrow morning. Speaker will be Theresa Kamachi.

School officials on visit

Recent visitors to Manzanar were William Bauer, principal of the high school in Lone Pine and Dorothy Shank, supervisor of home economics, State Department of Education, Sacramento, on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Miss Shank, on one of her periodic supervisory trips, visited the home economics classes and teachers Beatrice White, Frances Beven, Ana Smith, and Martha Groth.

Mr. Bauer made a general tour of classrooms and discussed school plans with Myron Hesse, vice-principal of the secondary schools.

Mr. Hesse stated that, "schools are happy to have state public school officials become acquainted with Manzanar and help us solve problems greater than most high schools encounter. Without exception they are surprised and pleased with the rapid progress being made under difficult conditions."

John H. Wilson, Dep. Chief of Staff, 9th Service Command, and Col. C. K. Wing, director, Internal Security Division, 9th Service Command, were visitors in Manzanar last Wednesday afternoon.

News Briefs

CAMPBELL FETED

Ned Campbell, acting project director, was feted with a birth-"friends of importance," according to official reports when he celebrated his 37th birthday.

McLAUGHLIN LEAVING

Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin have left for Los Angeles for a few days.

MRS. COVERLEY ARRIVES

Intending to stay with her husband until he leaves some time today, Mrs. Harvey Coverley arrived here Thursday.

NOW MILLER'S BIRTHDAY!

With Thomas M. Temple celebrating his natal day last week, followed by Ned Campbell this week, Arthur R. Miller, head of employment, is following suit next week.

MIZUKAMI ARRIVES

Arriving from Gering, Neb., was Kaoru Mizukami, accompanied by Robert Nesbitt, Tuesday at 3 p.m. He is now residing at 2-9-1.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dr. Hackelman of El Monte, formerly with the El Monte Japanese Christian Church will be the speaker for the young people's service this Sunday, Nov. 8, in 5-15 at 10 a.m. and 15-15 at 11 a.m.

JUNIORETTES

The newly formed Juniores club made its debut with Mary Yamada as president; Florence Kimura, vice-president and historian; Jean Okuno, secretary, treasurer, reporter; June Sasaki, athletic manager; and Ruby Nakamura, Masako Hori, Ida Kado and Chizu Watanabe, members at large.

Membership is open for all girls interested, between the ages of 13 and 16. Next meeting will be held Nov. 8, Sunday, at 1:30 p.m. in 19-15, the YWA building.

Treasurer Chosen

Because Yoshiye Yoshimura was automatically dropped from the "Y" girls' council due to her work in the "Y" staff, Peggy Tsuchiya was elected treasurer to replace her.

DOMESTIC JOBS

Positions for mostly domestic jobs have been sent in from New York, Minnesota, Colorado, and Illinois. Few jobs have been of clerical nature; while there was one call for a librarian.

FILE APPLICATIONS NEW

It was suggested that all residents file applications for relocation so that jobs and qualifications can be matched. A "first come, first served" system will be practiced in filling the job offers.

After an application is filled, a local investigation will be conducted with results sent to the national regional office in Washington, D.C. From there, it will be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation where a clearance will be effected.

GET REFERENCES

After this procedure, the applicant's two references will be contacted in writing, followed by correspondence with the employee on wages, hours, days off, etc.

Fifthly, personal interviews will be held with each applicant.

EMPLOYEE SELECTS

Acceptances or possibly several choices will be sent to the employee for his personal selection. Next will be the actual selection, and lastly, final clearance will be obtained from the War Relocation Authority in Washington, D. C.

RELEASE SOUGHT FOR ACCUSED PENDING TRIAL

No person who is accused of committing an offense within the jurisdiction of the Project Judicial System shall be retained in custody before trial for more than a reasonable time for questioning unless the Chief of Internal Security shall find that his confinement is necessary to protect the community, or to prevent the concealment or alteration of essential evidence or testimony, states Harvey Coverley.

The Judicial Commission, in imposing sentence in a case involving a person who has been detained pending trial, will give credit for the time so served, he said.

In the outside world, it is necessary to keep people in jail before trial because: (1) to assure their appearance at the trial (2) to protect the community from those who would be a menace to it if released, and (3) to prevent them from concealing evidence and fixing witnesses. Since it is improbable that a person cannot be discovered and brought to trial, only reason for detention will be the second and third.

Those who are accused of committing traffic violations, minor thefts, or of having committed minor breaches of the peace may ordinarily be given their freedom until they have been proved guilty. Those whose unrestricted presence would constitute a threat to the health, safety, or morals of the community, should be confined pending trial, in which cases, every effort will be made to hold trial at the earliest possible time.

BROWN RETURNS

Hervey Brown, local head of public works and maintenance, returned from San Francisco, Wednesday afternoon accompanied by C. H. Powers of the regional office and several U. S. Engineer Division men. They will check up on the completion of the U. S. E. D. contracts to see if any of the contracted work has been left undone.

Brown will go back to San Francisco again in a few days and Arthur M. Sandridge will again assume Brown's duties in his absence.